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1. ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS DURING THE PERIOD
A. PROGRAM AGREEMENT #518-11-995-714.1 COVERING THE
PERIOD FEBRUARY 28, 1973 TO FEBRUARY 27, 1974, AND ANOTHER
AGREEMENT BEARING THE SAME NUMBER FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 22,
1974 TO MARCH 21, 1975 PROVIDE FOR ASSISTANCE IN NARCOTICS
CONTROL TO THE NATIONAL CIVIL POLICE (MINISTER OF GOVERN-
MENT AND POLICE).
B. PROGRAM AGREEMENT #518-11-995-114.2 COVERING THE
PERIOD JUNE 27, 1973 TO JUNE 26, 1974, AND ANOTHER AGREEMENT
BEARING THE SAME NUMBER FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 28, 1973 TO
DECEMBER 15, 1974 PROVIDE DOR ASSISTANCE TO ECUADOREAN
CUSTOMS (MINISTRY OF FINANCE) IN NARCOTICS CONTROL.
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C. PROGRAM AGREEMENT #518-11-995-114.3 PROVIDES FOR

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ASSISTANCE TO THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF NARCOTICS CONTROL AND INSPECTIONS (MINISTRY OF HEALTH) FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 27, 1974, TOJUNE 26, 1975.

2. UNDER PROGRAM AGREEMENT #114.1 (PARAGRAPH 1(A) ABOVE) THE U.S. IS OBLIGATED TO SPEND $127,500.00 AND THE GOE $218,885.00 ON NATIONAL POLICE NARCOTICS CONTROL.
B. UNDER PROGRAM AGREEMENTN5114.2 (PARAGRAPH JQKB) ABOVE) THE U.S. IS OBLIGATED TO SPEND $78,000.00 AND THE GOE (748,000.00 ON CUSTOMS CONTROL INCLUDING NARCOTICS CONTROL.
C. UNDER PROGRAM AGREEMENT #114.3 (PARAGRAPH 1(C) ABOVE) THE U.S. IS OBLIGATED TO SPEND (52,200.00 AND THE GOE $19,000.00 ON THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF NARCOTICS CONTROL AND INSPECTION.

3. TYPE AND QUANTITIES OF EQUIPMENT
A. PROGRAM #114.1: DURING REPORTING PERIOD NATIONAL CIVIL POLICE WERE SUPPLIED 11 TYPEWRITERS AND A QUANTITY OF EVIDENCE BAGS.
PROJECTED IN THE CURRENT PROGRAM ARE
12 RADIO EQUIPPED VEHICLES $94,000.00
RADIO EQUIPMENT AND SPARE PARTS 5,000.00
ARMS AND AMMUNITION 7,000.00
TRAINING EQUIPMENT 3,000.00
INVESTIGATIVE AND PLANT DESTRUCTION
EQUIPMENT 10,000.00
B. PROGRAM 114.2: DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD THE CUSTOMS POLICE WERE SUPPLIED WITH: 13 MOBILE RADIO UNITS, 130 M-1 CARBINES, AMMUNITION AND LOADING EQUIP-MENT,2 CAMERAS, 6 FINGERPRINT FILE CABINETS AND 10 NARCOTIC IDENTIFICATION KITS.
PROJECTED IN THE CURRENT PROGRAM ARE
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT $30,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT 4,500.00
C. PROGRAM 114.3: NOTHING SUPPLIED DURING CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD.
PROJECTED IN THE CURRENT PROGRAM ARE
LABORATORY EQUIPMENT $43,400.00
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2 VEHICLES 8,000.00
CHEMICALS 800.00

4. SUPPORT COSTS NOT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SPECIFIC PROJECTS. MISSION PROJECT #114.0 HAS PROVIDED SUPPORT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD OF ONE NARCOTICS ADVISOR AND ONE SECRETARY TO PROGRAM AGREEMENT #114.1 IN THE AMOUNT OF $20,000.00.

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5. NUMBER OF PEOPLE TRAINED
IN COUNTRY: IOLICE 48-HOUR SPECIALIZED NARCOTIC TRAINING
PROGRAM
128 OFFICERS AND MEN
POLICE 10-HOUR MOBILE NARCOTIC TRAINING 50 MEN (AS PART OF 80
HOUR COURSE OF TRAINING) POLICE PROMOTIONAL OFFICERS COURSE
40-HOUR NARCOTIC TRAINING - 23 OFFICERS (AS PARTNOD FOUR MONTH
COURSE) ALL OF ABOVE COURSES PROVIDED WITH ORGANIZATION,
EQUIPMENT, AND ACTUAL CLASS PRESENTATIONS BY PUBLIC SAFETY
AND NARCOTIC CONTROL DIVISION OF USAID CUSTOMS NARCOTICS TRAINING
26-HOURS - 42 MEN (AS PART OF FIVE MONTH GENERAL CUSTOMS
TRAINING) PRESENTLY ATTENDING TRAINING - 264 OFFICERS AND MEN
IN U.S.: DEA SPECIALIZED NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT SCHOOL
SIX WEEKS - 3 OFFICERS

6. DURING THE QUARTER THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN THE
NARCOTICS FIELD WAS THE ARREST APRIL 15 OF FRANCISCO ADUM
ADUM, NOTORIOUS TRAFFICKER. HE IS STILL IN CUSTODY AND
THIS IS ENCOURAGING, BUT THE EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM IS
THOUGHT TO BE WEAK.

7. THERE IS LITTLE SPECIFIC DATA ON DRUG ABUSE IN THE COUNTRY
BUT THE USE OF MARIJUANA AND COCAINE IS COMMON. THERE IS
INCREASING PUBLIC AND OFFICIAL CONCERN OVER THE DANGERS
TO THE YOUTH OF THE COUNTRY OF MARIJUANA, BUT, ASIDE FROM
AN INCREASING NUMBER OF ARRESTS OF MARIJUANA AND COCAINE
TRAFFICKERS AND USERS THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE INDICATION OF
MOUNTING CONCERN OVER COCAINE AND HEROIN TRAFFIC.

8. PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING - THE BEST ESTIMATE OF
THE MISSION NOW IS THAT 150-200 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE
AND A MINIMUM OF 40-60 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN ARE PROCESSED
IN ECUADOR EACH MONTH. OF 15 NARCOTICS LABORATORIES
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REPORTED IN ECUADOR, 6 ARE REPORTED TO PRODUCE HEROIN.

9. TRAFFICKING TRENDS - ECUADOREAN COCAINE IS CONSIDERED
BY TRAFFICKERS TO BE THE BEST OF THAT PRODUCED IN THE
ANDEAN COUNTRIES. COCA LEAVES FOR ECUADOREAN COCAINE
PRODUCTION ARE OBTAINED IN ECUADOR, COLOMBIA AND PERU.
HEROIN IS PRODUCED FROM RAW OPIUM OBTAINED FROM POPPY
FIELDS LOCATED IN PERU AND COLOMBIA AND THERE ARE REPORTS
OF POPPY PRODUCTION IN ECUADOR. DRUGS ARE TRANSPORTED
IN A VARIETY OF WAYS - IN ESPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED ATTAC E
CASES, STRAPPED TO THE BODIES OF FEMALE COURIERS. TRANS-
PORT OF NARCOTICS IN AUTOMOBILES, BUSES, SHIPS AND AIR-
PLANES USING CREW MEMBERS AND PASSENGERS AS COURIERS IS
COMMON. MOST COCAINE PASTE SMUGGLES INTO COLOMBIA AND
VENEZUELA FROM ECUADOR CROSSES THE FRONTIER BY LAND.

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10. THE ARREST AND CONTINUED CUSTODY OF FRANCISCO ADUM ADUM IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENT OF THE QUARTER. OTHERWISE THE NATIONAL POLICE ARE HAMPERED IN THEIR ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS BY THE LACK OF OFFICERS ASSIGNED FULL TIME TO NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT. IN INTERVIEWS WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS, TOP GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS EXPRESS INTEREST IN THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM AND ONE, THE MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT AND POLICE HAS SAID THAT BY THE END OF THE YEAR THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM IN ECUADOR WILL BE ELIMINATED. NEVERTHE LESS, THIS INTEREST HAS NOT BEEN REFLECTED IN THE ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICERS TO NARCOTICS WORK NOR IN THE PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF THESE HIGH OFFICIALS EXCEPT AS THEY HAVE REFERRED TO THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF MARIJUANA ON THE COUNTRY'S YOUTH. ACCORDING TO THE LATEST FIGURES AVAILABLE (JUNE 1974), 16.8 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE BASE AND 450 OPIUM PLANTS HAVE BEEN SEIZED THIS YEAR AS WELL AS A QUANTITY OF MARIJUANA.

1. THERE HAVE BEEN NO DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TREATMENT OR REHABILITATION FIELDS. SOME OFFICIALS HAVE DISCUSSED THE DRUG PROBLEM IN SCHOOLS.

12. TRAINING - COVERED UNDER #5.

13. ECUADOR WAS REPRESENTED AT THE REGIONAL INTERPOL CONFIDENTIAL

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MEETING IN PANAMA EARLIER THIS YEAR, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN NO POSITIVE RESULTS.

14. THE EMBASSY HAS CONTINUED, BY A PATTERN OF CALLS ON HIGH OFFICIALS TO IMPRESS ON THE GOE THE IMPORTANCE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO AN EFFECTIVE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM IN ECUADOR. IN MID-JUNE, THE AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED NARCOTICS WITH THE MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT AND POLICE ADMIRAL POVEDA WHO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN A FUTURE MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM IN GREATER DETAIL. PREPARATIONS ARE BEING MADE FOR SUCH A MEETING, AND THE AMBASSADOR HAS WRITTEN TO THE MINISTER TO REQUEST IT. BREWSTER UNQUOT KISSINGER

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